

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, (1) **Hans de Vries**, citizen of **The Netherlands**, residing at Zuppeldseweg 15, NL-8181 NG Heerde, The Netherlands; (2) **Matthias Hartel**, citizen of **Germany**, residing at Konigsforstrasse 32, 51109 Koln, Germany; (3) **Jorg Heller**, citizen of **Germany**, residing at Am Lohmuhlchen 28, 51766 Engelskirchen, Germany; hereinafter referred to as Assignor (collectively if more than one inventor is listed above), have invented certain new and useful improvements in **WORKPIECES COATED WITH AN ALUMINUM/MAGNESIUM ALLOY**, the specification of which was filed on **April 17, 2006** as Application Serial No. **10/576,284** and was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. **PCT/EP2004/052097** filed on **September 9, 2004**.

AND WHEREAS, **Aluminal Oberflachentechnik GmbH & Co. KG**, with its principal place of business at Auf der Birke, 56412 Montabaur, Germany (hereinafter referred to as Assignee) desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements with respect to the United States of America, its territories and possessions.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby acknowledges that it has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in the United States of America, and its territories and possessions in, to and under said improvements, and any Patent Applications in the United States of America and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States of America which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions; and Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue all Patents for said improvements to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND ASSIGNOR HEREBY covenants and agrees that it will communicate to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to it respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in the United States of America.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor intending to be legally bound has hereunto affixed its signature.

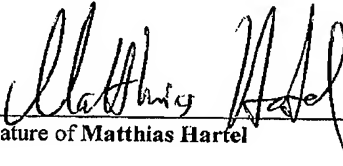
This 20 day of March, 2007

Signature of Hans de Vries

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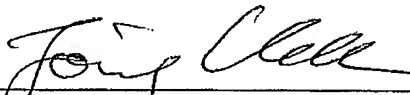
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This 15 day of March, 2007

  
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Signature of Matthias Hartel

Witness: J. Schenker

This 13 day of March, 2007

  
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Signature of Jorg Heller

Witness: A. S. Dionisio

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